NATURAL NEWS

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WEEKLY STAFF NEWSLETTER
May 29, 1998

CRANE ELECTED TO THE ROYAL SOCIETY--
GAINS INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

Peter R. Crane, vice president of Academic Affairs and director, has been named a Fellow of The Royal Society, one of the highest honors in the scientific world. Founded in London in 1660, The Royal Society promotes the natural and applied sciences and recognizes excellence in science through annual elections to its Fellowship. The Royal Society is the United Kingdom's equivalent to the United States' National Academy of Sciences. Past members include Isaac Newton and Charles Darwin.

Currently there are 1150 Fellows, drawn from the full breadth of modern science, from physics to medicine, and from geology to computer science and mathematics. Crane is distinguished for his many contributions to understanding large-scale patterns of plant evolution, especially the early evolution of angiosperms, or flowering plants, and of their massive ecological impact on plant and animal life throughout the world. According to a statement from The Royal Society, his research is "noted for combining the approaches of the earth and life sciences to bring a new perspective to the old controversy surrounding angiosperm origins."

Crane is the fifth Field Museum scientist in the history of the institution to be elected to a national academy. The others were: David M. Raup, Geology (1979); Karl P. Schmidt, Zoology (1956); Berthold Laufer, Anthropology (1930); and Alfred L. Kroeber, Anthropology (1928).

GOOD-BYE AND GOOD LUCK!

Join the Education staff and volunteers to wish **John Wagner** good luck on his retirement!
Place: Lecture Hall 2 -- Time: 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. -- Date: Friday, May 29, 1998

WEIGHT WATCHERS

We will need eighteen people to commit to "Weight Watchers At Work" in order to continue the program at The Museum. Meetings are held from noon until 1:00 p.m. on Thursdays. If you would like more information or want to join a ten-week session, please call **Carole Kasarda** (x529) by **Thursday, June 1, 1998**.

CONGRATULATIONS!

At the 8th Annual Muse Awards Competition held earlier this month as part of the American Association of Museums (AAM) conference in Los Angeles, the Public Relations Department and RPM Advertising won the Golden Muse Award (first place) for *Dino Documentary*, a thirty-second public service announcement featureing **John Flynn** and **Greg Buckley** (both of Geology). *Conga,* a thirty-second animation spot designed for children, was awarded the Bronze Muse Award (third place). Both public service announcements also received two Bronze Telly Awards earlier this month. The Tellys are national awards which recognize advertising excellence.

Other awards won by the Field Museum or its staff at the AAM include:

The Excellence in Practice Award went to **Mary Ellen Munley.**
Honorable mention in the Newsletter category for *Connect,* the campaign newsletter
Honorable mention in the Press Kit category for *Living Colors-A Butterfly Garden*
Honorable mention in the Supplementary Materials category for *Viewing Olmsted*

Please join me in congratulating **Laurie Sanders**, who was recently promoted to group sales manager. Laurie has worked at The Field Museum for four-and-a-half years as special events coordinator. As groups sales manager, Laurie will be responsible for developing and managing a groups sales operation, including both tourism and general groups sales activities. Laurie represented The Field Museum in recent POW WOW convention.

Laura Sadler, Director of Auxiliary Services

Congratulations to Education Staff Members **Erelah Ajao-Spears** and **Pamela Wrenn!!** These two individuals were recognized by the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce at their 32nd annual Youth Motivation Program Recognition Luncheon on Friday, May 15, for their inspirational work with Chicago educators and community leaders. Erelah and Pamela work hard as liaisons between The Field Museum and different community groups, emphasizing the interdisciplinary value of the Museum's exhibits and resources, and their proper use by families and groups for full educational potential!

Congratulations to **Chris Ochoa** on her promotion to supervisor for the Housekeeping Department. Chris has been with the Museum since November 25, 1996. Her assignment for most of that time has been the first floor including, of course, Stanley Field Hall. She has been nominated several times for Public Services Employee of the Month. She was named as employee of the month in January 1997 and the Public Service Employee of the Year for 1997. Chris started her new duties on May 12. She will be working on some days and some evenings.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

RAYFIELD TO THE RESCUE

In preparing for his recent lecture on dinosaurs, Microsoft executive Nathan Myhrvold had trouble getting his laptop working with The Museum's Video display projector. Fortunately our Audio-Visual staff knew who to call--**Rayfield Drake** (Computing). Rayfield adjusted Nathan's laptop's display settings, and--on with the show. As **Jim Koeppel** (Computing) put it, "It is not every day you can teach Microsoft's Chief Technology Officer a new trick."

STEVE GOODMAN RETURNS FROM EXTENDED TRIP OVERSEAS

Steve Goodman (Zoology) returned to the Field Museum a few weeks ago after a nine-month trip to Madagascar and Gabon. Activities on Madagascar involved conducting biological inventories of poorly-forested areas on the island; giving a four week course at the Université d'Antananarivo; coordinating a program for World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Madagascar, for the advancement of young Malagasy scientists (Ecology Training Programme); and helping with the organization of the International Primatological Congress to be held in Antananarivo in August 1998. From late January to late February 1998, Steve was in northeastern Gabon conducting a survey of the recently-named Minkebe National Park, a zone of millions of hectares of undisturbed and unknown lowland tropical forest. During this nearly nine month period, approximately twenty-two weeks were spent in the field and six different sites were visited. Based in Antananarivo, Steve's activities in Madagascar and Gabon are supported by grants from the MacArthur Foundation and WWF (USA).

Last September an "accord de collaboration" was signed between The Field Museum and the Departement of Animal Biology at the University of Antananarivo. This document is valid for five years. Further, the "accord de collaboration" between The Field Museum and the Department of Paleontology at the University of Antananarivo has been extended for another five years. These agreements are the basis for staff of The Field Museum to conduct research in the country and export specimens.

Steve is in Chicago until mid-July and then back off for another nine to ten month field season that will include work in Swaziland, Gabon, and Madagascar. Over the course of this summer he will be joined at The Field Museum by several Malagasy colleagues working on a variety of collaborative projects. These visitors include: Daniel Rakotondravony, Head of the Departement of Animal Biology, University of Antananarivo; M. Achille Raselimanana, Biodiversity Programme Officier, WWF, Madagascar; and Jean-Baptiste Ramanamanjato and Rodin Rasoloarison, Ph.D. students at the University of Antananarivo. Their visit is supported by a grant from the MacArthur Foundation.

IT'S ABOUT TIME, IT'S ABOUT SPACE . . .

Bruce Patterson (Zoology/Mammals) and **Richard Lupia** (Geology/Paleobotany) recently returned from the 1998 Penrose Conference in Solomons, Maryland. The conference, a five-day

workshop/symposium entitled, "Linking spatial and temporal scales in ecology and paleoecology," was jointly sponsored by the Geological Society of America and the Ecological Society of America. Bruce presented a plenary paper in the "Relationships between scales" session on species turnover along spatial gradients, and was a panelist in discussions on data collection. Rick presented a poster (co-authored by Paul Markwick) in the "Data acquisition in paleoecology and ecology" session on using databases to interpret the remote past. Both they and colleagues from the University of Chicago (Sepkoski, Kidwell, Jablonski, Kosnik, Lyons) and University of Illinois at Chicago (Plotnick) found the conference to be enormously stimulating.

BRONSON REPORTS SINGAPORE CERAMICS CONFERENCE

Via email from the Singapore airport, April 28: **Ben Bronson** of Anthropology reports on the conference "Fujian Ceramics and Their Trade in Southeast Asia," at which he and **Chuimei Ho** presented papers. The conference was attended by about eighty people, and a received good deal of favorable publicity for the Field Museum, which was listed as a co-sponsor of the conference. "This was a surprise to us," Ben writes, "as we expected an intimate workshop with the twelve Chinese and other members of our Southern Fujian Ceramic Project, plus five or six Singaporean university and museum people. But news spread by word-of-mouth and, behold, a full-fledged conference." Ben also reports that the Asian Civilisations Museum, the other sponsor, was eager to discuss future joint ventures, and adds that at least ten local Singaporeans inquired about the current status of "Sue."

HAAS GIVES PLENARY LECTURE AT MADRID MUSEOLOGY CONFERENCE

Jonathan Haas (Anthropology) has just returned from an international conference in Madrid sponsored by the Ministry of Education and Culture of Spain. The conference was on "Communication and Museography for the 21st Century," and Haas gave one of the plenary lectures on "Bringing the Past to Life: Archaeology Exhibits for the Twenty First Century." The Spanish museum community is quite distinct from that found in North America in that almost all the museums are controlled and supported by either the Federal Government or the Catholic Church. Consequently they don't talk about such things as attendance, and fund raising is basically a foreign concept. Haas also visited colleagues and examined collections at the Museo Arqueologico Nacional and the Museo de Americas.

MAMMAL GRADUATE STUDENTS RECEIVE AWARDS

Melissa Cogan-Morales and **Jodi Sedlock**, both Ph.D. students working in the Zoology Department's Division of Mammals, have just received word that they will receive grants from the American Society of Mammalogists to support their dissertation research. Melissa's grant will allow her to travel to the Smithsonian Institution for several weeks this summer to collect data for her study of the developmental biology and evolution of Old-World fruit bats. Jodi will use hers to pay part of the cost of her field work on the ecology of insectivorous bats in the Philippines. These grants are highly competitive, so both Melissa and Jodi are especially deserving of congratulations!

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

April 1998

David Willard	Zoology/Birds	20 years
Freddie Robinson	Botany	20 years

May 1998

Margaret Baker	Zoology/Invertebrates	20 years

SMOKING

The Museum Campus is opening and increasing numbers of visitors, including day campers and school children, are using both the north and south doors. It is requested that staff members use the west door only for smoking. Thank you.

CALENDARS

You will notice that there are two different museum calendars in this week's issue. One is maintained by the Education Department and has the full "list of bookable spaces" on the other side. The other–on the opposite side of this sheet—is maintained by Special Events. When planning an event, please look at the "list of bookable space" and call the correct person. Each staff member in charge of space booking gets a high volume of phone calls on a daily basis. It will help them tremendously if they handle only the calls pertaining to their responsibilities. The calendars are assembled by **Nadine Kendra** (Education) and **Sandy Johnston** (Special Events). Thanks.

IN SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathies to:

Leatrice Evans (Security) on the loss of her son Travis.

Joe Nejasnic (Facility Planning and Operations) on the loss of his wife Marita

Lisa Wodis (Finance) on the loss of her father Michael

Matthew Timms (Exhibits) will be leaving the Museum to work in the Czech Republic and Poland with various film companies. Matthew's last day will be May 29. Although he will be missed, the Exhibits Department wishes Matthew the best in all future endeavors.

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June

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 PWrenn-Entire Museum 5:00pm-8:00pm 350 ***Book Expo-McCormick Pl***	2 Access Living-SFH 800 Baxter-Rice 6:00pm-100 ***A/E/C System '98-McCormick Pl***	3 ***A/E/C System '98 – McCormick Pl***	4 Detour #2 Discovery Day School-Ward Hall 2:00pm-4:30pm Fire vs Columbus 7pm ***A/E/C System '98-McCormick Pl***	5 Kwebber- Overnight ***A/E/C System '98-McCormick Pl*** **CHICAGO BLUES FESTIVAL**	6 Philippine Gala-SFH 6:00pm-12:00am 1500 Kwebber-Rice 10:00am-1:00pm Fire vs Columbus-7pm- *CHICAGO BLUES FESTIVAL*
7 Bill Kurtis/Cheeteh Fund-JST 5:30pm-7:30pm 400 Kwebber-Rice/JST	8 IIR- SFH/Rice/JST 6:00pm 150 Kohler-Grainger 5:30pm-7:00pm ***Waste Expo-McCormick Pl***	9 Chicago Pk Dist.-SFH 6:30pm-9:00pm 500 Urban Youth H.S. Rehearsal JST 9:00am-11:00am Pkremer-Searle Lounge Press preview 9pm-12:00pm ***Waste Expo-McCormick Pl*** ***Nat. Trade Prod-McCormick***	10 Candreson-SFH 5-10:00pm Urban League High School-JST 900 9:00am-2:00pm ***Waste Expo-McCormick Pl*** ***Nat. Trade Prod-McCormick Pl***	11 CHAS HighSchool rehearsal 9:30am-1:00pm Fire vs San Jose-7pm ***Waste Expo-Nat. Trade Prod-McCormick Pl***	12 Campus Opening Gala- SFH CHAS High School Graduation- JST 2:00pm-6:30pm **CHICAGO GOSPEL FESTIVAL**	13 CBOT - SFH 6:00pm-1:00am 2000 Atrzynia-9am-4pm Harper High School-JST 10:00am-1:00p **CHICAGO GOS FESTIVAL American Diabetes-McCorm. Pl**
14 Phillippine Program-SFH 10:00am-3:00pm The Bayer Corp.-SFH 2000 Atrzynia-JST 8:30am-5:00pm **CHICAGO GOSPEL FESTIVAL** ***American Diabetes-McCormick Pl***	15 ***American Diabetes-McCormick Pl***	16 AACSB- SFH 7:00pm-10:00pm 1000 Urban Youth H.S.-JST 11:00pm-1:00pm 200 ***American Diabetes-McCormick Pl***	17 Harvard Bus Sch Club of Chicago-SFH 7:00pm-12:00am 800 CCH -Rice 6:00pm- 10:00pm 100 Fire vs Dallas -7:30pm	18 Museum open to the public 5:00pm-9:00pm	19 Festival Expo	20 Wright & Brennan-SFH 6:00pm-12:00am KEMG-Rice 150-1 Kwebber-JST 12:00pm-5:00pm Festival Expo
21 IAMD-JST 11:00am-900 Festival Expo	22 Store Opening-SFH Kwebber- JST/Assign. Rescue 5:00pm-10:00pm	23 Wyatt Pharm-Rice 6:00-8:30pm 50 Kwebber-JST/Assign. Rescue	24 William Blair-SFH/Bal 600 6:00pm-9:00pm WWhite-JST JCarter-Rice 10:00am-10:30am Fire vs Kansas City-7:30pm	25 Museum open to public 5:00pm-9:00pm WWhite-JST **TASTE OF CHICAGO**	26 KWebber-Overnight-ED **TASTE OF CHICAGO** **CHICAGO COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL**	Million Dollar Set-up 27 PCrane- Rice, JST, Lobby **TASTE OF CHICAG** **CHICAGO COUNTR MUSIC FESTIVAL**
28 Million Dollar Round Table-SFH/Rice 6:00pm-10:00pm 2300 Psierwald- JST-West Lobby ED-Holocaust Awards-SFH 11:00am-3:00pm **TASTE OF CHICAGO** RACE TO TASTE US Women vs Germany -- 5pm	29 PSierwald- JST-West Lobby 7:00am-9:00pm T-Spec Events-SFH **TASTE OF CHICAGO**	30 PSierwald-Wlobby SVandenboschRice 6:00pm-9:00pm 40 **TASTE OF CHICAGO**				

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 N. Mycological Association - 6pm to 10pm - LH 2 Chicago Hang Gliding Org - 7pm to 11pm - LH 1	2 P.S. Training Sessions - 8:15am to 10:45am - Clrm 1 Tax Sheltered Annuity Staff Seminar - 11am to 1pm - LH 2	3 Visitor Prog- 1pm to 2pm - LH 1 Music Theater Workshop - 4pm to 7pm - Clrm 3 Bill Ballard / Zoology - 4pm to 6:30pm - LH 2	4 P.S. Training Sessions - 2pm to 4pm - Clrm 1 Detour #2 Discovery Day Schl - 2pm to 4:30pm - LH 1	5	6 Adult Classes - 8am to 3pm - LH 2, and Clrms 1 & 3 Volunteer Training/Interp. St. - 8:30am to 3:30pm - LH 1 Philippine Festival Prog - 9am to 4pm - Clrm 2
7 Philippine Festival Prog - 9am to 4pm - Clrm 2 Bernadin Center - 3pm to 6pm - LH 2 and Clrm 1	8 Teacher Program - 8:30am to 5pm - LH 1 & 2 Nature Camera Club - 7pm to 11pm - LH 2	9	10 P.S. Training Sessions - 8:30am to 10:30am - Clrm 1 Music Theater Workshop - 4pm to 7pm - Clrm 3 Bill Ballard / Zoology - 4pm to 6:30pm - LH 2	11 W. White / Conference - 8am to 5pm - LH 2 Adult Class - 4pm to 9pm - Clrm 1	12 Philippine/Education - 9am to 4pm - Clrm 1 Philippines Program - 3:30pm to 6:30pm - LH 2	13 Adult Classes - 8am to 1pm - Classrms 2 & 3 PIP Prog - 8am to 3pm - LH 1 Philippine/Education - 9am to 4pm - Clrm 1
14 Philippine/Education - 8am to 5pm - LH 2 and Clrm 1 Visitor Prog- 1pm to 2pm - LH 1	15	16 Family Activity - 5pm to 10pm - LH 2	17 Teacher Program - 8:30am to 4pm - LH 1 Music Theater Workshop Group - 10am to 4pm - LH 2 Bill Ballard / Zoology - 4pm to 6:30pm - LH 2 Adult Classes -5pm to 9pm - Classrms 1 & 2	18 Adult Class - 5pm to 9pm - Classroom 1	19	20 Adult Class - 8am to 1pm - LH 2 Volunteer Training/Interp. St. - 8:30am to 3:30pm - Clrm 2 Hector Feliciano Lecture - 1pm to 8pm - LH 1
21 Hector Feliciano Lecture - 1pm to 8pm - LH 1	22 Teacher Prog/Teacher Institute -9am to 5pm - Clrm 1 & 3, LH 2 Adult Class- 5pm to 9pm - LH 1	23 Teacher Prog/Teacher Institute -9am to 5pm - Clrm 1 & 3, LH 2 Music Theater Workshop - 2pm to 4pm - Simpson Theater	24 Teacher Prog/Teacher Institute - 9am to 5pm - Clrm 1 & 3, LH 2 Visitor Prog- 1pm to 2pm - LH 1 Music Th Work 2pm to 4pm -LH 1 Bill Ballard / Zoology - 5pm to 6:30pm - LH 2 Adult Class-5 to 9pm-Cls 1 & 2 Chgo Herp So-6pm to 10pm-LH 1	25 Teacher Prog/Teacher Institute -9am to 5pm - Clrm 1 & 3, LH 2 Music Theater Workshop - 2pm to 4pm -LH 1	26 Teacher Prog/Teacher Institute -9am to 5pm - Clrm 1 & 3, LH 2 Music Theater Workshop - 10am to 4pm -LH 1 FAMILY OVERNIGHT - 5pm to 9am - ALL ROOMS	27
28	29 International Arachnological Congress - LH 1 - (entire day) Music Theater Workshop - 10am to 4pm - LH 2 Music Theater Workshop - 5pm to 8pm - *Assignment: Rescue* Exhbit Area	30 Music Theater Workshop -2pm to 8pm - *Assignment: Rescue* Exhbit Area International Arachnological Congress- 5pm to 8:30pm -LH 1				

"BOOK-ABLE" SPACES IN FIELD MUSEUM
2/11/98

SPACE	LOC	MAX	USE	SCHEDULE BY	CONTACT	EXT.	
Classroom 1	GF	50	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Classroom 2	GF	40	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Classroom 3	GF	30	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Conf. Room 1	GF	20	I	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Campaign Ctr/DRA	GF	16	I	Instit. Adv.	Janet Young	210	Restricted use
Dining Room B	GF	4	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room C	GF	6	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room C/D	GF	20	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room D	GF	12	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room E	GF	75	I P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
D&P Conf. Room	4th	10	I	Exhibits	Jessica Newman	329	
Educ. Conf. Room	GF	14	I S	Education	Clara Aytch-Baker	247	
Developers Conf. Rm.	4th	8	I	Exhibits	Jessica Newman	329	
Founder's Room	1st	100	I S	Inst. Adv.	Sarah Gunderson	810	Restricted use
Montgomery Ward H.	GF	150	I P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Lecture Hall II	GF	75	I P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Picnic East (Sch)	GF	320	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Picnic West (Pub)	GF	125	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Rice Center	1st		P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Simpson Theatre	GF	1000	I P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Zoology Clrm.	3rd	50	I	Zoology	Erica Blair	255	
Webber Resource	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Maori Meeting House	2nd	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Pawnee Earth Lodge	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Place for Wonder	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Stanley Field Hall	1st	35	I P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
EXHIBIT HALL: Permanent Exhibits			P S	Spec. Events	Carol Konieczny	218	Exhibits Dept. consulted prior to confirmation
EXHIBIT HALLS: Special Exhibits			P S	Spec. Events	Carol Konieczny	218	

I = Internal (meetings, etc.)

P = Public (Programs, Classes, etc.)

S = Special Events

MUSEUM CAMPUS TROLLEYS!

The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act ("ISTEA") was passed by the House and the Senate on Friday, May 22. The bill awaits the President's signature. Included in this federal transportation bill is a special appropriation for Museum Campus trolleys for $4.25 million. It is our intention and expectation that these funds will be used to improve access to the Museum Campus through an expanded trolley system powered by alternative fuel. The free trolley service is designed to increase visitor access to the Museum Campus, reduce area traffic congestion, noise, and air pollution, and improve connections to area public transportation stops. We are awaiting further information on when these funds will actually begin to flow and what processes we will have to pursue in order to obtain the monies. We expect that the administrative agency for distribution of the funds will be the CTA.

Also on Friday, the General Assembly in Springfield passed the State budget for FY 1999. Included in the budget was the Museum Initiative: $50 million for capital projects over the next five years and $5 million for educational programs. The Museum Initiative will be administered by the Department of Natural Resources through the State Museum. The legislation awaits the Governor's signature.

Congratulations! to all staff and supporters involved in this important effort, which was spearheaded by **Fay Levin.**

REDEDICATION OF THE MAORI MEETING HOUSE

On May 1, **John Terrell**, (Anthropology) initiated the Maori House rededication events by removing the rope barrier that prevents visitors from going into the House unaccompanied. Terrell explained the reasons for removing the rope and thanked the volunteers for their hard work with the programs around the House. Members of the Anthropology and Education Departments as well as volunteers attended and were treated to a song by **Lanialoha Lee**, director of the Pacific Cultural Group, Kupa'a, Inc. The event is the beginning of a collaborative effort between the Education Department, the Maori House volunteers and the Anthropology Department to find ways to encourage and promote visitorship and use of the Maori Meeting House while at the same time protecting and preserving it. Currently, John Terrell is working with Education staff and volunteers as well as with visitor services staff to design an adequate monitoring system and protection system for the House. We hope to have the House become the center of lively activity--from meetings, to poetry readings, to storytelling--in keeping with the spirit in which it was entrusted to us by the people of Tokomaru Bay, New Zealand.

For you – the under forty crowd

Only in Chicago. Only this night – June 13, 8:00 p.m. to Midnight.

Celebrate the opening of Museum Campus Chicago.

Three institutions. One new park. One big party.
Music from The Big Swing. Food and drink to fuel the groove.

Museum Campus Chicago. New lakefront park that refreshes your spirit.
Institutions of knowledge that open your mind.
The Adler. The Field. The Shedd.

Be smart. Be there.

Discover the new wonder of our City.
Getting smart never felt so good.

Hosted by The Adler Planetarium Auxiliary Council, The Field Associates and The Shedd Aquarium Auxiliary Society. Questions? Call **Stephanie Powell** (x846)

DID YOU KNOW YOU ARE NOW DEPENDENT ON EMAIL?

What happened to *your* day when the system was out?

While the Field Museum has a generally stable electronic mail system which delivers over two thousand messages a day, failures do occur sometimes, as with any complex system.

On Monday, May 4, the Museum's main electronic mail processing machine failed. (Some of you may recognize the computer name, fmppr.fmnh.org.) We had a power fluctuation at 7:30 a.m., which caused dozens of systems around the museum to shut down or restart. Due to the strange laws of statistics, something, which was unlikely to happen, happened nonetheless. Even with surge suppression, and a backup battery power supply (UPS), the only machine we know of which was seriously damaged by that power problem was the one computer we all depend upon for electronic mail.

Being a key system, this system is on a maintenance contract with four-hour response time. The service expert was here before noon and determined that the main system board was dead (or whatever euphemism you prefer for inoperative). A replacement board was found, but had to be shipped to us overnight. Our service rep was here with the replacement by noon on May 5 and shortly thereafter we were fully operational.

Email began flowing immediately with 80-90% of the past twenty-four hours' delayed messages coming through in the next hour. Most systems re-try for up to three days when the electronic mail will not go through -- no email was lost or returned unless the sending system was configured to give up in less than twenty-four hours.

Why bore you with all of this detail? Well, some people did want to know, but also we wanted to give everyone a better idea of how we handle critical systems and to get feedback. We would like to hear from you. If you were affected by the problem or have an opinion, we would appreciate an email message responding to these two questions:

a) How did this interruption, or how would any future twenty-four hour interruption in email (presumably without loss of any messages) affect you?

b) Would it be worth a museum investment of $10,000 to $20,000 to keep a duplicate email system on standby, reducing likely downtime for a future incident to one to three hours?

Assume the chances of a twenty-four-hour interruption are one to two times per year. Please email any comments/responses to **Tim Krauskopf** (tkrauskopf) and **Jim Koeppl** (jkoeppl).

Thanks to Jim Koeppl and his staff for having the repair plan ready, jumping on this immediately, and restoring our service.

Tim Krauskopf

Fiesta Filipiniana

A community festival celebrating the opening of
Voyage of a nation: The Philippines and
Vanishing Treasures of the Philippine Rain Forest
Sunday, May 31, 1998

11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. -- Exhibits

11:00 am -5 pm -- Taste of the Philippines FoodFest, Games of the Philippines, Pabitin, walk-around demonstration by Barry North, the yo-yo man, and Vanishing Treasures of the Philippine RainForest book signing – Stanley Field Hall

1:00 pm -- Santacruzan and Flores de Mayo Rites of Spring procession – begins outdoors on the west side of the Museum and continues around the Museum Campus.

1:30 - 4:00 p.m -- Santacruzan and Flores de Mayo procession moves indoors into Stanley Field Hall. The program includes reciting the Philippine Pledge of Allegiance by children of the Abkada Ng Lahi, and performances by Sampaguita, Pintig, and others.

11 am - 5:00 pm -- Health Fair co-sponsored by the Philippine Medical Association of Chicago and Mercy Hospital - Classroom 1 & 2.

For more information, please call **Alexia Trzyna**, (x649).

WELCOME!

Please join me in welcoming **Jamie Greenland** to The Field Museum. Jamie is the general manager of the new Corner Bakery restaurant, opening in early July. Jamie has been the general manager at the St. Clair Corner Bakery restaurant for the past several years. Jamie and her team are on-site now, conducting interviews, training staff and preparing for our new opening. Jamie brings with her much enthusiasm and experience in high volume stores! She and her team are currently working in Dining Room B, until the restaurant opens. Jamie can be reached at 588-1040. Please take a moment to meet her! Thanks!

■ **Laura Sadler**, director of Auxiliary Services.

The **Chase Race** will come again! Please call **Cindy Andresen** (x870) if you are interested in participating and/or helping.

THANKS!

With the unfailing support of many people, **Living Colors: A Butterfly Garden** has emerged as a beautiful and exciting exhibit.

The exhibit could not have been a success without the tireless efforts of **Susan Phillips** and **Michael Paha**. Several other members of the Exhibits Department, including **Liz Kantorski, Beth Tanner, Steve Villano, Rick Hope, Koyo Konishi, Paul Brunsvold, Charlie Cho, Eric Manabat, George Chavez, Katherine Stransky,** and **James Schneider** went above and beyond the call of duty to ensure a fantastic installation. **Dirk Urban's** stunning graphics can be seen in the species identification guide as well as in the building banners, and the exhibit is wonderfully complimented by the interactives developed and designed by **Matt Majer**.

The interest generated by the **Public Relations Department** ensured fabulous coverage of the exhibit, including radio, television, print, and CTA buses! The city of Chicago is covered in butterflies!

The continuing interest and support **from Jim Louderman, Dave Pollock, Margaret Thayer, Al Newton**, and **Dan Summers** from the Insects Department will not be soon forgotten, and the volunteer training and recruitment orchestrated by **John Wagner** and **Mary Ann Bloom** from Education and **Patti Stratton** from Human Resources was unparalleled.

Once again, thanks to one and all for a beautiful exhibit!

FIELD MUSEUM FAN MAIL

Dear **Mr. McCarter:**

On behalf of the entire staff and student body of the McDade Classical School, I want to express heartfelt thanks and appreciation to you for volunteering to be our principal for the day. I was most sincere when I said that we at McDade could not have had a better surrogate principal than you. It is quite clear that you are a hands-on administrator who knows and enjoys his profession.

Our students have a deep and abiding interest in dinosaurs, and your presentation, followed by the question and answer sessions, further whetted their already ebullient intellectual curiosity. We feel especially privileged to have been able to have two of Sue's actual teeth in our school. It is an experience I am sure that our children will never forget. The Harris Box is a resource of which I am certain our teachers will make frequent and good use.

… Every staff member and I look forward to further forging a partnership with the Field Museum with its many programs and resources. In fact, many staff members have announced their intentions to attend the Educator's Year-end Event on June 1, 1998.

– **Eleanor Addison,** Principal, James E. McDade Classical School